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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

The benefits of a free market economy are only realized if there is competition. What is proposed does not support democracy, but oligarchy, and that will ultimately undermine any utility within free markets.

Oligarchy is the worst form of socialism, where the policies are not constructed for the common good, nor are people allowed to choose (as in a free market). With oligarchy, a few corporations are neither interested in the good of the people, not are they forced to compete for market share, are able to control both policy and the market.

Please do not allow this to happen, as it benefits the few who have plenty and is a detriment to society. In my neighborhood, we only had access to one provider that allowed for internet without having to subscribe to cable.

The service was terrible and the prices were high, as you would expect from a monopoly. When we were given access to just one other company, my family switched to the new provider and our internet connectivity improved at a lower price point. Beyond that, I have seen the competition start behaving more respectfully to its customers, as their business is no longer ensured.

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